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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

ASILOMAR

"Asilomar, we sing of thee
Among the pines, beside the sea
Where ocean breezes full and free
In love sweep over thee."

For the eighth successive year Northern California Congregationalists seek this retreat by the sea. "We love Asilomar." On August first we will rejoice one with another that we have been favored with another privilege to think and sing and pray together, and recall those other days when we made or renewed friendships. "Oh, happy days, Asilomar."

A few tell us that those days have passed for them. Out of health and out of the service, they no longer feel themselves a part of the great gathering that gives to mind and heart the tonic the ocean breezes give to the waves. "When shadows of the evening fall" we will think of them as once a part of a happy religious family gathering strength and resource for a winter's work.

There are others who will tread new paths and get new experiences and come back to us wonderfully refreshed. They praise Asilomar. There are some who are coming for the first time. What a thrill it gives us to think of our first great Conference! What joy is theirs as they anticipate the hour when "the wood fire leaps and voices call." God pity the ones who see no romance in such gatherings and make no such contribution to the young. Every church should see to it that a group of young people attend some such Conference every year. There is no better investment of church money. Year after year some bright prospect for church leadership is found in such a gathering, and ere they leave the grounds they not only sing Asilomar but actually pledge themselves with those wonderful words

"In love, we give to Him our all,
To Him, Asilomar."

Our program is wonderfully rich this year. We will hear many new voices: Dr. C. C. Merrill of New York, Dr. Frank Dyer of Los Angeles, Dr. Robert W. Gammon of Chicago, Dr. W. W. Willard of Claremont, Prof. Kenneth J. Saunders of Berkeley, Judge Rolfe L. Thompson of Santa Rosa, Rev. Laurence L. Cross of Berkeley, and Rheba Crawford.

All of these are on the Adult Conference program. There are new voices on the Young People's Program: H. S. Tuttle of Forest Grove, Noel J. Breed of Hayward, Harvey Miller of Alameda and Dr. Hodgdon.

Mrs. Hodgdon is doing doubleheader work this year in serving both Conferences; Missionary addresses will be given by Robert B. Whitaker, Obed S. Johnson and Isaac Cookman. Mrs. L. A. Stark who has accompanied Mrs. Hodgdon the past two years, will be at the piano. The recreational work will be under the direction of Reg. Fulton of our Richmond Church. Mrs. Noel J. Breed will be prepared to care for the little ones, and the Superintendent with his staff will try, with the aid of Mr. Holmes, to keep the machinery running at full blast for the seven days of Conference.

If you have not planned to attend, just pack up and come along. Bring warm clothing. Bring Bible and note book. If possible, bring a friend. Learn the Asilomar Hymn. Be always ready to sing it. Here is the chorus:

"Our voices raise, Asilomar.
And thee we praise, Asilomar,
Thy shadowed way where laughter plays
Oh, happy days, Asilomar."

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

2:30 Devotions; Opening Business: Election of Scribe, Assistant Scribe and Nominating Committee.
Committee appointments, Moderator David H. Dexter.
3:00 Address, "Music in the Church"—Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon
4:00 Study Class: Cavert's book—Prof. Kenneth J. Saunders
7:20 Vespers.
8:00 Address, "Home Missions"—Rev. Isaac Cookman
8:30 Address, "Foreign Missions"—Rev. Robt. B. Whitaker of Lintsing, China

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 Study Class: Cavert's book—Prof. Kenneth J. Saunders
10:00 Business Session: Conference reports.
Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer, Auditor, Board of Trustees, Federation of Congregational Women.
11:30 Addresses: "Echoes From the National Council"—Delegates
4:45 School of Song—Leader, Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon
7:20 Vespers.
8:00 Address—Rev. Laurence L. Cross
8:30 Address—Rheba Crawford
(Joint Meeting with Young People)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 Study Class: Cavert's book—Prof. Kenneth J. Saunders
10:00 Business Session: Committee reports.
Committee on Religious Education, Proportionate Benevolence, Evangelism, Visitors to Pacific School of Religion, Visitors to University of California.
11.30 Address, "The Religion of Dean Inge"—Rev. W. W. Willard
4:45 School of Song—Leader, Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon
7:20 Vespers.
8:00 Address—Rev. Chas. C. Merrill, Sec. Comm. on Missions
9:00 Pirates' and Stuck-Ups' Entertainment in the Social Hall.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 Study Class: Burton's book—Rev. Obed S. Johnson
10:00 Business Session.
10:45 Forum: "Getting Empty Souls Into Empty Pews," Introduced by Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. Noel J. Breed and Rev. C. H. Cleaves
4:45 School of Song—Leader, Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon
7:20 Vespers.
8:00 Address, "The Seven Ages of the Mind"—Rev. Frank Dyer, Fraternal Delegate, Southern California Conference.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 Study Class: Burton's book—Rev. Obed S. Johnson
10:00 Sectional Round Table:
Laity—Mr. Ernest Otto
Women—Mrs. H. F. Swartz
Pastors—Rev. Hugh V. White
11:00 Business Session.
4:45 School of Song—Leader, Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon
7:20 Vespers.
8:00 Stunts—In the Social Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 Study Class: Burton's book—Rev. Obed S. Johnson
10:00 Closing Business and Resolutions.
10:30 Address, "Respect of Law"—Judge Rolfe L. Thompson
4:45 School of Song—Leader, Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon
7:20 Concert—Leader, Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon
Pulpit Play, "Friends of Jesus"—Players' Club, Alameda Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

11:00 Joint Service.
Sermon, "Love Never Faileth"—Rev. Harley H. Gill
4:30 Vesper Service.
The Lord's Supper, administered by—Rev. C. H. Stevens
7:30 Joint Session with Young People.
Address, "What Ails Our Youth"—Rev. Robert W. Gammon, Secretary Western Dept., Educational Society.
8:30 Fellowship Service—Rev. Harvey V. Miller

N. B.—Mrs. L. A. Stark will again assist at the piano.

ASILOMAR RATES PER PERSON

	Conference Period	Per Day
Tenthouses	$15.75	$2.50
Enclosed tenthouses	17.50	2.75
Guest Inn	19.25	3.00
Lodge, heated	22.75 to 29.75	3.50 to 4.50
Scripps' House, htd.	26.25 to 29.75	4.00 to 4.50

Children: Under 5 years, half Conference rate; 5 to 7, inclusive, two-thirds Conference rate; over 7 years, adult rate.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE NOTES

The ad interim secretary has tried to get information relating to the summer conference before all the churches. Folders and cards have been sent to all the ministers and to all the presidents of young people's societies. The secretary has offered to go to churches whenever arrangements could be made for mid-week meetings.

Three churches have been visited. The first was Pittsburg. The rally was held on the evening of June 23. A carload of young people from the First Church, Berkeley, drove up and assisted. A fair group was out and a large delegation is planned.

On the evening of the thirtieth an East Bay rally was held at the First Church, Berkeley. We had a fine basket lunch together and then a rally program was broadcast. There was a fine enthusiastic bunch of young people present and evidently all the churches represented are to send large delegations to Asilomar.

July 7 there was a rally held at the home of Mr. Gill in Sacramento. There was a choice group of young men and women out and we all enjoyed the evening together. There is hope that there will be an adequate representation from Sacramento.

While the secretary has not been able to attend other rallies, he has been in communication with some of the other churches and is expecting a large number of registrations.

Just a word to the delegations. Come prepared for stunt night, and be sure and send the secretary a description of the stunt.

ASILOMAR NOTES

Those desiring garage space should notify the Conference office early, stating where car is average or extra length. The rental will be 25 cents per night.

We urge delegates to write the Conference office as to the accommodations they will require, that they may make suitable allocations well in advance. Many have done so. We urge prompt response.

The official dates of the Conference, and the rates for full period cover breakfast Monday morning, August 8th. While no program is provided for that forenoon, we reserve privilege of grounds for closing business and program, if deemed necessary.

The Trustees will be called for a session soon after the opening of the Conference. Business of importance will require frequent sessions during the week. Trustees should plan to be at the Conference early and late.

The Southern Pacific offers a 16-day excursion ticket round-trip, San Francisco or Oakland to Asilomar for $6.00.

BENEVOLENCES

Jan. 1 to June 30, 1927

Alturas	$ 15.00
Antioch	20.00
Benicia	37.50
Berkeley Bethany	3.92
" First	3,911.95
" North	876.60
" Park	59.93
Ceres	285.00
Cloverdale	143.00
Cotati	41.37
Crockett	71.15
Etna Mills	11.58
Eureka	131.10
Ferndale	42.50
Fresno First	353.04
" Japanese	20.00
Glen Ellen	5.00
Grass Valley	118.03
Haywards	50.00
Lockeford	10.00
Lodi First	800.00
Martinez	173.98
Murphys	5.00
Niles	16.47
Oakland Calvary	80.00
" First	3,730.42
" Fruitvale	28.50
" Olivet	55.00
" Pilgrim	130.00
" Plymouth	780.35
Pacific Grove	158.25
Palo Alto	750.00
Paradise	50.00
Parlier	10.00
Petaluma	445.60
Pittsburg	55.20
Porterville	55.00
Reno, Nevada	319.00
Ripon	15.00
Sacramento	183.81
Salida	17.00
San Francisco Bethany	100.00
" Chinese	5.00
" First	1,500.00
" Richmond	44.41
San Jose	530.33
San Leandro	59.93
San Mateo	298.65
San Rafael	7.00
Santa Cruz	375.00
Santa Rosa, First	202.97
Saratoga	7.00
Sebastopol	48.00
Sonoma	91.27
Stockton	160.00
Sunnyvale	75.00
Tipton	10.75
Tulare	60.00
Woodside	87.00
Miscellaneous	1,134.00
Total	$19,861.56

Summary

Jan. 1-June 30, 1926	$20,621.85
Jan. 1-June 30, 1927	19,861.56
Decrease	$ 760.29

FIRST CHURCH, BERKELEY

The First Congregational Church of Berkeley is having constant and increasing enjoyment in the use of the second unit of its church edifice which was dedicated on Sunday, May 22. This unit is for educational and social purposes. Those most interested in its use are saying now that they wonder how they got along without it the year and a half after the auditorium was dedicated and in use. For the first time in many years this church has an equipment adequate in any proper manner for its work adjacent to the university in ever rapidly growing Berkeley. This new unit has been named Pilgrim Hall in commemoration of the influence and achievements of the people of the Pilgrim faith all across the continent, to whom Berkeley owes her existence. The entire structure is of the old New England type of architecture. It borders on streets named after eminent men of New England birth: James Dwight Dana of Yale, who wore the crown of eminence in three sciences; William Ellery Channing, one of New England's greatest preachers; Henry Durant, one of the foremost of the founders of the College of California and the first president of the University.

For several Sundays, while final work has been going on in the auditorium for the remedying of the trouble acoustically, the church has been using for its Sunday services the large and small assembly rooms in Pilgrim Hall, which, thrown together, will seat 800 persons, all of whom can hear and see the speaker. The larger room is 68 by 42 feet in its dimensions —having in addition a stage 35 by 19. This room is adapted for a variety of entertainments, for dining room purposes and also for basket ball. Withal, it is a beautiful room, endearing itself at once to all who see it. The small assembly room, which will seat 250, is for the mid-week meeting, for the young people on Sunday evenings, and for other desired purposes. This smaller assembly room is so furnished in part with chairs, tables and rugs, as to make it a desirable place for any few persons who may wish to sit comfortably around a table for conference or social converse. Adjoining this and opening into it is a reception room, which is being beautifully furnished.

All required classrooms and other necessary rooms are in their place in Pilgrim Hall, one of which rooms has been named "Mayflower Room."

Approximately $86,000 has been expended in the construction of Pilgrim Hall. The plans call for a third unit, which when built will form a central court of entrance to all the units. This third unit will cost approximately $50,000. Since work commenced on this edifice in December, 1925, the sum of $263,000 has been expended thereon.

W. W. FERRIER.

PLEASE CO-OPERATE

Figures are not always interesting reading, but they do make clear the facts in the case. The figures I want to bring to your attention now are two; the first is the sum of 25 cents, which is the subscription price to The Pacific; the second is that of 5 cents, which is the cost to us of every change we make in your stencilled address.

We have been receiving every month an average of a dozen cards from the post office, notifying us of the change of address of some of our subscribers. When we receive these notices we can do one of two things: cancel your subscription or send in a change. Where the subscription has expired we have cancelled it, working on the theory that the subscriber is no longer interested in Pacific Congregational News or he would have notified us himself. Where the subscription has not expired, we, of course, make the change requested. In some instances the subscription is to run for only a month or two.

Therefore, if any one who is contemplating changing his address, and the expiration date on the copy of The Pacific addressed to him is nearly expired, we would greatly appreciate the receipt of a quarter, or stamps of any denomination to the required sum to bring the subscription in advance. Thus the 5 cents we have to pay for the change in the stencil would make the two changes: one in address and one in expiration date. We like to kill two birds with one stone.

Q. E. D. Co-operation.

N. B. Subscriptions to The Pacific, as to all other periodicals, are payable IN ADVANCE.

DOCKET

Due to office vacations, the docket was not ready for the program when it went to press. Knowing that this number of The Pacific would have space, we held it for the later hour. Will interested parties preserve this docket for reference.

Beginning Tuesday at 10 a. m. and continuing to Wednesday:

Conference Reports

Superintendent.
Assistant Superintendent.
Treasurer.
Auditor.
Board of Trustees.
Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California.
Committee on Religious Education.
Committee on Proportionate Benevolence.
Committee on Pacific School of Religion.
Committee on University of California.
Committee on Evangelism.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SEATTLE ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Whereas Dr. Chauncey J. Hawkins has resigned the pastorate of Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle, Washington, after six years of constructive and consecrated service, and has accepted a call to the pulpit of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco; and, whereas, Dr. and Mrs. Hawkins will leave Seattle soon to take up work in their new field, therefore be it resolved:

That the Seattle Association of Congregational Churches desires to express its sincere appreciation of the splendid, constructive work which Dr. Hawkins has accomplished, not only for Plymouth Church but for all the Congregational churches of the city and state.

We commend his constructive, spiritual presentation of the Gospel, his unselfish helpfulness, his sincere friendship and his democratic fellowship.

That while we regret the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Hawkins, we congratulate the First Congregational Church of San Francisco on their securing an able, scholarly and eloquent minister and a wise and efficient leader.

That we assure Dr. and Mrs. Hawkins of our continued interest in their welfare, and that we shall follow their work in the new field with our prayers for its abundant success.

That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, and that a copy be sent to Dr. and Mrs. Hawkins, and one to the recorder of the Seattle Association of Congregational Churches.

CHURCHES, ATTENTION!

The Conference office maintains a list of ministers who are willing and capable to do supply work. Anyone desiring such service, please let us know.

Have you found your church listed on the Honor Roll on page 4?

FOR SALE

Anyone desiring to purchase an electric stereopticon, Edison mimeograph or Fox typewriter, communicate with Mrs. T. G. Lewis, Pleasanton, Calif.

"Echoes and Memories," by Bramwell Booth. 223 pages. Price $2.00. George H. Doran Company, New York.

CAMPBELL—Rev. J. H. Bennett, pastor of the church at Campbell, recently returned from his trip to England, bringing his wife and son with him. They are now comfortably settled in the parsonage, which has been renovated in his absence. A reception was given for the Bennett family in the Community Center at Campbell recently. Rev. W. E. Eckles, former pastor, and Rev. Fred W. Morrison of San Jose extended greetings.

SAN JOSE—The First Congregational Church of San Jose is enjoying a unique experience in church unity this summer. Because the First Unitarian Church building was undergoing extensive remodeling, the congregation of that church was invited to worship with the Congregational Church for the three months of the summer. Dr. William I. Lawrence, pastor of the Unitarian Church and Rev. Fred W. Morrison of our church are sharing in the pastoral care and preaching. Each is having a five weeks' vacation. The congregations have been large and the venture is proving very successful. Mr. Morrison is continuing his motion picture services right through the summer months, with the church filled to capacity every Sunday evening.

Sacramento: Our Sacramento Church conducted a very successful Vacation Church School. A total of 139 pupils were enrolled, representing seven nationalities and fifteen religious groups. Thirty-four persons served and regular and special workers.

In addition to memorizing hymns and Bible verses, and to the daily story hour, there were classes in art, paper flowers, sewing, basket weaving, leather work, boat making and scroll saw work. The total cost of the school, including all materials and many tools which can be used in future years, was $95.00. The voluntary gifts of the children and parents amounted to more than $75.00.

Ceres: Word comes that the Christian Endeavor Society of our Ceres Church won an honor award at the State C. E. Convention.

PERSONALS

Rev. Willard B. Thorp is in the East attending the Williamstown Institute at Williams College in Mass. He is to serve as the secretary of the Round Table on War Debts.

Rev. Roscoe D. Douglass is enjoying an extensive trip to the eastern part of the country. A family in his Saratoga parish presented him with the trip as an expression of their appreciation for his splendid leadership of the Federated Church.

Dr. Charles L. Kloss, after attending the National Council meeting, started on his habitual summer trip to Europe.

Dr. Giffen is conducting a tour through Palestine this year, which will prevent his being at the conference.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The Eighth Annual Young People's Conference of the Southern California Congregational Conference held at Pomona College, Claremont, June 25 to July 2, was indeed a great success. The total number of students enrolled was one hundred and eighty-three. In addition there were the Faculty and Counsellors numbering thirty-five. The first Church of Los Angeles had the largest delegation, numbering seventeen. Next came Santa Ana with thirteen, and several other churches sent large delegations in proportion to their membership. Forty-two churches were represented.

Rev. H. F. Burr, pastor of the Oneonta Congregational Church, South Pasadena, President of the Conference last year and who has always been associated with these Young People's Conferences, gave a very fitting address for the opening session by revealing to the young people the goal of the Conference, directing their attitude at the commencement to be receptive to the highest good to be received during the time the young people were gathered together. Reference was made to Colonel Charles Lindberg in that he accomplished that which he set out to do, but only through much preparation combined with the cooperative help of others.

"Buying Culture," a one act comedy play following Mr. Burr's address, was given by members of the Claremont Congregational Church and met with loud applause.

Sunday morning Classes began in earnest. The courses given were of a high order and arranged to meet particularly the needs of the young people of today. The Conference was fortunate in securing such able teachers.

Recreation, under the wise direction of Mr. Harold A. Wagner in general and particularly for the boys, with Miss M. I. Hawthorne in charge of the girls, was enjoyed equally by faculty and students. There was fun for everybody.

Much interest was displayed in the Services of Worship held each morning in the Claremont Congregational Church. These services were arranged by the class on "Worship and the Church," Rev. E. D. Gaylord in charge, and were carried out entirely by the students with the exception of the fine leadership of Mrs. C. A. Wolfe at the organ. They were full of devotion and consecration, portraying that Congregationalism has within its bounds real talent and leaders in the making.

The conference afforded an opportunity for the young people to display their various accomplishments, several of them contributing to the musical interlude on Sunday afternoon during "Tea" in Bridges Court, which however, consisted of punch and cookies.

There are many ways of getting closer to the divine influence and music is felt to play a large part. The musicale at Bridges Court Sunday evening was impressive and delightful, and we are greatly indebted to The Quartette of the First Church of Pasadena, who through their singing and the organ recital inspired their hearers for "Whatsoever things are lovely," "Whatsoever things are pure."

Everyone attended the illustrated lecture on "Christ in Art" given by Dr. Kenngott, in spite of an added attraction nearby. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," says Keats, and the pictures displayed so beautifully in color and design gave one a glimpse of how the poet felt when he wrote the above lines. This lecture presented Christ in another form, through Art, and was uplifting as well as instructive.

No less enjoyable was the Conference social on Tuesday evening, which was given over to social indoor recreation and was participated in by faculty and students. There was not a moment to lose, so much wholesome fun had been arranged by Mr. Wagner, Athletic Director. Mrs. Raymond C. Brooks contributed to the evening's merriment by her piquant poems. They were unique. It was a great get-together and the close of the evening found everyone happier by a larger circle of acquaintances.

The open forum on World Brotherhood under the leadership of Rev. Allan Hunter, with discussion by some of the students of his class, aroused much interest and stirred the Conference to think on World relations.

Stunt night was a great night. Various table groups, the faculty and counsellors making another group and the waiters another staged their idea of a good stunt. It was to say the least humorous and entertaining. The winner of the stunt display was Tables 1 to 5, which group depicted King Cole and his Apple Pie.

Who can express adequately the full significance of the address by Professor Brooks? His gentle, persuasive tones appealed deeply and his words implanted an irresistable desire for a fuller and more consecrated allegiance to Jesus Christ. The Service of Holy Communion following, in which Dr. A. D. Stauffacher, pastor of the Claremont church assisted, will long be remembered and its influence felt through the coming year.

The meal times were greeted with song and shouts, except on Sunday and in the mornings. Mr. James Wallace, our amiable friend of the First Church, Los Angeles, met with many Scotch jokes, to all of which, more or less, he was able to retaliate for the fun and amusement of all. The daytime soon passed and was brought to a close by a quiet period, each counsellor having assigned to him or her a group of about ten young people. This rendered an opportunity for the students to express themselves freely, to bring up their difficulties of the day and also to receive a spiritual blessing through prayer together. These moments of meditation were of great help in bringing about the supreme end of the Conference.

Congratulations to First Church, Pasadena, on winning the Cup! The Cup is given to the church which maintains the highest record during the Conference, marks being given each day for regularity of observation of the day's program.

One word must be said in recognition of the splendid service rendered by the waiters who were carefully selected for their physical fitness and attention to duty. They managed their task adroitly.

A sincere word of hearty appreciation is accorded the members of the Committee on Young People's Conferences, which meets each month in the year in order to make this an outstanding feature for the young people of Congregationalism. It is hoped that the young people who attended the Conference will convey to their respective churches the spirit of the Conference. Also that they will take some active part in the program of the church with as little delay as possible and so through their lives encourage other young people to work for Christ. The Conference is greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wolfe, First Church, Pasadena, whose important part in the Conference Program was so effectively carried out. Too much cannot be said in praise of the many persons who contributed directly and indirectly to the success of the Conference, especially would we mention the Conference Superintendent, who has put much time and thought into the Conference for the young people in order to make it the "best yet." Also to Dr. E. D. Gaylord, whose forethought, wide vision and devoted loyalty to Christ and His Cause, enabled him through the office of President of the Conference to endow the young people with a deeper, purer and more intensive love for the life Christ would have young people live.

READING CIRCLE

The cost of the Reading Circle to the Conference is considerable, and it is proposed, as in other years, to sell the books at half price. Herewith follows the list of books for the year ending July 1, 1927, with their original selling price and the price of the used books at 50% off.

Life of Wm. Robertson Nicoll — Darlow	$3.50	$1.75
Religion and Rise of Capitalism — Tawney	3.50	1.75
Why We Behave Like Human Beings—Dorsey	3.50	1.75
World and Its Meaning—Patrick	3.50	1.75
Jesus and Our Generation — Gilkey	2.00	1.00
Modern Sunday School—Archibald	2.00	1.00
Present Tendencies in Religious Thought—Knudson	2.00	1.00
Science and the Modern World — Whitehead	2.50	1.25

Those desiring to enroll should do so before August 31st. The sooner the better. It takes some time to arrange the groups, prepare the books for mailing, and complete the list. You will help several of us, including yourself, if you will send in your request promptly.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LA JOLLA, CAL.

This church runs an "all-year-round" program. The Church School, the morning and evening services are conducted 52 times each every year. The Men's Club, which is a community organization, not under the church, refuses to omit a single monthly meeting. The attendance runs from 50-95 each month.

For the mid-week services the minister has been arranging a varied program. About once a month he discusses "Current Eevents in Religion and International Affairs." On other evenings members of the church have given 5-minute talks on "The Social Life of the Church," "Music and the Church" and "Youth and the Church." Three or four people have spoken each evening on a different phase of the same theme. Young people discussed the last theme. Lively discussion followed and questions were asked.

Both the Sunday services are well attended. Six community services have been held this year. Such organizations as the Kiwanis and Woman's Clubs have been represented by an officer of the organization giving a brief address on the fundamental principles and aims of the organization. Then the minister has presented the church, its principles and aims. On two occasions people were sitting in the aisles. The motion picture is used also on Sunday nights. The minister regularly tells a children's story, makes a brief address and leads the congregation in the singing of the great hymns of the church. From 20-60 children and young eople attend these services.

The minister preaches series of sermons on Sunday mornings usually. The summer series is on "These of the Way" Topics as follows: "The Unfolding of Religion"; "The Winding Road," "The Narrow Way," "The Path of Culture'; "The Ethical Highway," and "The Gateway to Abundant Living."

This year we had the largest attendance at children's day service ever had. Church was packed.

THE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION will hold its Annual Meeting in the neighborhood Church, Pasadena, October 18, beginning at 9 a. m. General subject is "Churchmanship." It is expected that Revs. C. C. Merrill, Secretary of the Commission on Missions, Brewer Eddy and Mrs. H. S. Ranney, representing the American Board and Malcolm Dana, representing the Extension Board will participate. In addition President Robert Milliken, Mrs. Susan M. Dorsey, Mrs. Cobb and several of the new pastors will have parts on the program, which promises to be especially good.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 19th at Yucaipa.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, October 21st with the Logan Heights Church, San Diego.

KERN ASSOCIATION will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 25th and 26th with the church at Shafter.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, October 7th, in the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles.

DR. LEAVITT

Rev. Bradford Leavitt, minister of the Union Liberal (Neighborhood) Church of Pasadena, was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity of Oberlin College at the commencement exercises held by that college at Oberlin, Ohio. In introducing the Pasadenan to receive this signal honor, President Henry Churchill King of Oberlin paid a high tribute to Mr. Leavitt's leadership in the field of religious cooperation and unity in Southern California.

Dr. Leavitt came to Pasadena in the fall of 1922 to become the first pastor of the Unitarian Church of Pasadena, which had been organized the preceding spring by a small group meeting at 60 North Mentor avenue. Little more than one year later negotiations were completed for the merger of this, the youngest church in the city, with one of the oldest, the West Side Congregational or Neighborhood Church. The resultant organization is known legally as the Union Liberal Church of Pasadena, and popularly as the Neighborhood Church.

CHURCH NEWS BY ASSOCIATIONS

Los Angeles Association

BUENA PARK—Rev. Burton Y. Neal, formerly pastor at Pilgrim Church, Bakersfield, has begun work as resident pastor.

HAWTHORNE—Rev. Robert C. Lewis, formerly pastor at Athens has begun work as resident pastor.

LAWNDALE—Rev. T. H. Wright, resident pastor, will resign about the middle of August to continue his studies at the University of California for his Ph. D. in Philosophy, Mr. Wright has been the Associate Professor at Occidental College while serving as acting pastor for the Lawndale Church.

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CLAREMONT—Erection of the new building for this church proceeds rapidly and will be ready for occupancy before the end of the year.

San Bernardino Association

BARSTOW—Work will begin in the near future on the new building, costing $16,000, on the site owned by the Conference in the center of the city. Toward the erection of the building it is expected that the First Church, Long Beach, Barstow, Conference and the Building Society will contribute each $4,000—Rev. Isaac McRae, pastor.

CORONA—The pastor, Rev. Charles E. Evans, is absent for three months on a trip to Europe. The church rejoices in having paid off its indebtedness.

HIGHLAND—Rev. Harold V. Hartshorn, formerly pastor of the Hemet-San Jacinto Church, began his pastorate at Highland, July 1.

NUEVO—Rev. W. P. Pinkerton, the acting pastor, residing at Claremont, ministers also to the community at Glen Avon.

ONTARIO — Rev. John B. Toomay, pastor, is on three months leave of absence in order to serve the Big Bear community.

REDLANDS—Rev. H. C. Ide, on leave of absence, has taken a trip to the South Sea Islands.

RIVERSIDE, FIRST — Rev. John Gardner, pastor, is absent for three months in England.

SAN BERNARDINO BETHEL—Rev. George F. Mathes is recovering from a severe auto accident.

Los Angeles City

BETHANY RAWSON—Will receive title to property from the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles and will erect in the near future a parsonage on the vacant lot adjoining the church building at the corner of Percy and Ditman Streets.

CHINESE—The new pastor, Mr. Cheung, is at work.

GRACE—Rev. D. G. Blair, pastor, is making good recovery from a serious operation and expects soon to return to work.

JAPANESE UNION—The new pastor, Rev. K. Toku, is looking after the affairs of the church in the absence of Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, who has three months leave of absence in order to conduct a party of young men to Japan. It is expected that Rev. T. Hori from Honolulu will become senior pastor in the near future.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL—expects to take possession of the Vernon Avenue Church property, corner of Vernon Avenue and Hooper Street, as soon as the Vernon Avenue Church vacates that property in order to enter its new church building on South Gramercy, between West 70th and 71st streets. The Vernon Avenue Church will then be known as the Western Knoll Congregational Church.

MASIS—Turkish Armenian—has voted to buy a lot on Magnolia Street, not far from the Olivet Congregational Church, which has given to the Masis church its old building to be moved to the new site.

MAYFLOWER—Rev. T. M. Patterson, formerly pastor at Ventura, accepted the call to the pastorate of the Mayflower church, beginning May 1st.

NORTH WILSHIRE—Rev. E. T. MacMahon, pastor for three years, has resigned, resignation to take effect about September 1st.

OLIVET—expects to have a farewell service in its old building, corner of Washington and Magnolia, July 31st and to begin the erection of a new building on that site.

WESTWOOD HILLS—Rev. G. W. Ray, pastor, expects to begin the erection of its new building on a fine site at the corner of Westwood Avenue and La Grange in the near future.

POMONA VALLEY MEXICAN—looks forward with bright anticipation to its new house of worship, costing $16,000. The Conference holds title to the property and assists largely in the enterprise.

WILLOWBROOK—Rev. J. H. Higginbotham, pastor for several years of the Hyde Park church, accepts the call to Willowbrook and will begin about August 1st.

Kern Association

BAKERSFIELD, PILGRIM — Work has begun on the new building on the fine site opposite the Williams School, to cost $16,000. It is expected the building will be ready for occupancy in about three months.

OILDALE—Mr. Bonar Dyer, licentiate of the Los Angeles Association, a student of Pomona College and son of Rev. Frank Dyer, is the student pastor during the summer.

TEHACHAPI — Miss Martha Read, pastor for six months at Tehachapi, has resigned, resignation taking effect August 1.

San Diego Association

NATIONAL CITY—Rev. C. R. Shatto pastor for five years has resigned. as of August 1st.

FIRST CHURCH—Rev. R. Campbell pastor has been granted a leave of absence to visit Europe. Meanwhile the church building is being enlarged and repaired.

LOGAN HEIGHTS—Rev. J. F. Sanders from New South Wales began his apstorate July 15.

OCEAN BEACH—Rev. W. I. Newman has resigned the pastorate of the Ocean Beach Church, as of July 1, to accept the call to Hemet-San Jacinto, beginning at Hemet August 1. Rev. F. J. Stoetzel is the acting pastor at Ocean Beach.

CHINESE MISSION will have a new building costing $15,000. toward which the churches of San Diego, the Conference and the Building Society are contributing largely, the Chinese themselves giving $2,000.

SAN YSIDRO—Rev. F. J. Stoetzel resigned the acting pastorate July 1.

THE OMAHA COUNCIL

We are late in reporting the great Council that met in Omaha the last week in May. The June copy was on the press when we returned from the meetings. This number is to serve for both July and August. The Council was too big to be overlooked and too good to be slighted. California was largely represented in both size of delegations and the part it played in the programs. Prominent on the program were Drs. McCall, Kenngott, Swartz and Goodsell, now of California, and Drs. Palmer and Hinman of former days.

Omaha proved a far better convention city than many of us dreamed. Dr. Frank Smith and his genial coworkers did their part most graciously and efficiently. The weather, for Middle West weather, was on its best behavior. Many were delighted with the beautiful drives about the city and its environs.

We are now well on our way to the new order set up for us by the National Councils in Springfield, Washington and Omaha. Those who have been sceptical as to the future of the work are now beginning to see that we can do the great task with less cumbersome machinery with more money reaching the purposes for which it is solicited. There are a few difficulties yet to be ironed out on the wisdom of experience. We have made great strides toward efficiency and we are making Congregational history. The merger gives us two great boards, each having 36 members. This is the new Commission on Missions. The California conferences will get one member on each of the Boards. Dr. Kenngott of the south will serve us on the Foreign Boards and Dr. Gill of the north will serve us on the Home Boards.

Our National Council Secretary, Dr. Charles E. Burton, struck a vigorous note in his masterly address on "The Pilgrim Spirit in the Awakening World." It furnishes the spiritual tonic that our jaded intellectual workers need and do not find in the older statements of religion. He was unanimously re-elected for another four year term. We look to him to keep us up to the level of his great message and help us discover that our only authority is the divine authority as we learn it in Jesus, whose lordship we ever recognize.

We have been fortunate in moderators. The list is an honor roll. By some kindly providence men have come to this kingdom for certain great hours. Dr. Ozora Davis acquitted himself from the moment he took the gavel. He was firm but kindly, always on the alert and his partner, William E. Sweet of Denver, was equally effective when the duties fell on him.

There were great hours at this Council. The three banquets were especially outstanding as regards attendance and interest. Robert Lewis gave the men a memorable evening with those addresses. Think it over, you who were there. When was there such a night in the past twenty years! With Drs. Burton and Fagley, then Ex-Governor Sweet, Missionary Edmunds and Fred B. Smith. Our women must tell of their night and the Young People of their night. They were equally important and wonderfully thrilling.

Sunday was a high day. Think of the men and their messages—Russell Stafford, Albert Palmer, O. W. S. McCall, Allen Stockdale, Ozora Davis, Herman Swartz and the great hour of Communion.

The American Board reported the cancellation of its long standing debt amounting to nearly a quarter of a million of dollars. They plead for sufficient funds to keep them out of another debt. Conditions in Turkey and China put a heavy load upon the Board.

The resolutions committee did a notable piece of work in its careful sifting of material germain to the Council. They showed great wisdom in the way in which they presented their resolutions to the Council body.

That hardy annual known as Promotion is being cultivated by a new group. They think in the terms of living organisms and will strive to feed the plant more sunshine that it may make the desert bloom profusely.

The next Council will be in Detroit in the spring of 1929. San Diego will go after the 1931 Council. Why not make it San Francisco the next time it comes west.

HONOR ROLL—NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHURCHES GIVING MORE IN 1926 THAN 1925

Name—	1925	1926	Gain
Alameda	590	732	142
Antioch	65	256	191
Benicia	9	11	2
Berkeley—First	7,788	8,898	1,110
" North	1,748	2,299	551
" Bethany	41	90	49
Campbell	512	519	7
Ceres	649	718	69
Cloverdale	371	436	65
Cotati	72	103	31
Etna Mills	16	18	2
Ferndale	271	384	113
Fresno—First	1,084	1,177	93
" Pilgrim	199	249	50
Guerneville	15	38	23
Kenwood	83	90	7
Lewiston	0	9	9
Lodi—First	2,039	2,599	560
Mill Valley	0	21	21
Murphy	33	50	17
Niles	12	18	6
Oakland—First	6,213	7,542	1,329
" Pilgrim	88	184	96
" Olivet	67	124	57
Oroville	371	549	178
Pacific Grove	641	705	64
Palermo	4	22	18
Redwood City	970	1,076	106
Ripon	0	23	23
Sacramento	602	778	176
Salida	9	14	5
San Francisco—Bethany	271	286	15
" " Ocean View	95	119	24
San Jose	1,452	1,458	6
San Lorenzo	164	179	15
San Mateo	666	670	4
Santa Cruz	1,456	1,579	123
Santa Rosa	401	503	102
Stockton	2,468	2,552	84
Suisun	129	162	33
Sunnyvale	140	303	163
Tipton	18	22	4
Woodside	172	211	39
Reno, Nevada	444	553	109
Fresno—Cross	251	403	152
Sanger	85	123	38
Totals	32,774	38,855	6,081